

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 14-228

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Turkey Translocations

Region and Game Management Unit: Region 2. Units 12A, 13A, 13B

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):

- Arizona Strip Working Group

Was the project presented to the LHPC?

YES ☐ **NO** ☒

Has this project been submitted in previous years? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☒

If Yes, was it funded? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ → **Funded HPC Project #(s):**

Project Type: Translocation

Brief Project Summary: Continue to translocate Merriam's and Rio Grande Turkeys from Unit 12A to Units 13A, 13B and other units where needed.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Wild Turkey

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date:

February 1, 2015

Project End Date:

March 31, 2016

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A** ☒

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

Yes ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A** ☒

Projected Completion Date: _____

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: **N/A** ☐

To be Completed by: _____

Projected Completion Date: _____

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:

\$ 2,000.00

Cost Share or Matching Funds:

\$ 2,000.00

Total Project Costs:

\$ 4,000.00

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):

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AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel):

Project has been coordinated with:

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

The winter of 2009-2010 reduced turkey populations in Units 13A and 13B. The fall turkey season was eliminated in both Units and spring permits were reduced. Turkeys had not been translocated into these Units since the 1970s. In 2013 and 2014, a total of 32 Merriam's turkeys were translocated to Units 13A and 13B South. In addition, 15 nuisance Rio Grande/Merriam's turkeys were translocated between Moccasin to 13B North in 2014. Additional translocations are needed into these Units as well as other Units to ensure viable populations.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Translocate turkeys to Units 13A and 13B that are below population objectives.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

Merriam's turkeys would be live-trapped in Unit 12A and up to 20 turkeys would be translocated into each of Units 13A and 13B South. Nuisance Rio Grande turkeys would be live-trapped in Moccasin and translocated to Unit 13B North. Other Units south of the Colorado River, may also be in need of turkeys.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Units 12A, 13A, 13B, and other Units as needed.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

- U.S. Forest Service

*IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or
LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?*
YES[] NO[] N/A[x]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, pinon pine, and juniper.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

These funds will be used for turkey feed for trapping and for turkey trapping equipment, such as rockets, nets, traps, and leg bands.

Cost Share or Matching Funds (for volunteer labor rates please refer to the worksheet below)

Cost share funds would mainly be for employee salaries for trapping and transporting turkeys. Matching funds would be for volunteers that would assist with the trapping.

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

National Wild Turkey Federation

**WOULD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT ASSIST IN PROVIDING, MAINTAINING,
OR FACILITATING RECREATIONAL ACCESS?**

YES[] NO[x] N/A[]

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Progress on trapping would be assessed at the end of the trapping season March 2016.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

No maintenance necessary.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Tom McCall